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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-identified application, please amend the application as follows:

In the claims:

Please amend claims 1-4, 10, 11, 21, 24 and 25 as follows:

1. **(Amended)** An isolated nucleic acid molecule selected from the group consisting of:
- (a) a nucleic acid molecule comprising the nucleotide sequence set forth in [SEQ ID NO:1, 3, 4, 6, 7, 9, 10, or 12] SEQ ID NO:4 or 6 or a complement thereof; and
 - (b) a nucleic acid molecule consisting of the nucleotide sequence set forth in [SEQ ID NO:1, 3, 4, 6, 7, 9, 10, or 12] SEQ ID NO:4 or 6 or a complement thereof.